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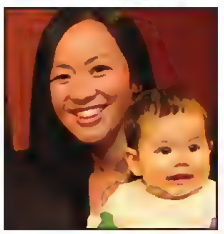

Win week at day camp

Prize goes to child who helps others

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Ice scooters at arena

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Show tunes at Court House

Queenston Ladies Choir members Marion Frendo, director Lisa Cosens Brillon and Linda Scott prepare for their dinner theatre performance Feb 6. For more information please see page 14.

Deficit predicted in 5–year budget

Town could be $500,000 over budget by 2014 if rising costs aren't addressed

Matt Day
Niagara News

The Town has passed this year's capital budget at $7.3 million—a dramatic decrease from last year's $13.5 million, which included the cost of the community centre.

That's not to say all is good inside the town hall as the second part to the projected budget forecast has some councillors worried.

"In 2010, we are under the guidelines set. That's the good news," said Chief Administrative Officer Don Smith.

"The bad news is in the subsequent years we are significantly over."

The years following show expenditures to increase and the town could be in the red by as much as $500,000 come 2014.

The capital levy is the amount of money raised through taxes for each year and the inflation between 2010 to 2014 could see taxes jumping unless a solution to rising costs is found.

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$349,000

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Golf course could rise from quarry

St. Davids urban boundary needs altering for golf course, resort.

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

It's just how the saying goes, one company's wasteland is another's golf course.

On Monday, a public information meeting was held at the town hall to discuss the future of the Queenston Quarry property.

Plans to turn the land into a resort golf course, complete with its own vineyard and hotel complex on the floor of the quarry, have been stalled by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Additional housing is also being considered, but an application has been made to alter the urban area boundary on the west side of the property—not to make it larger, but to shift it to overcome objections from the NEC.

"The overall objective is to transition this site from a long-standing quarry operation and disposable site into something tremendous," said James Parkin of MHBC Planning, on behalf of Queenston Quarry Reclamation.

"The research has been done, the type of residential land is unique and there is a demand for that type of land use there."

The town's planner, Barbara Wiens, said they are looking at a 200-room hotel that is connected to a clubhouse facility in the middle of the site. Directly north of that building would be the small vineyard.

"What we're dealing with at this point in time is the change to the urban boundary. The exact layout of uses will follow once the decision has been made to alter the boundary. That's the first step."

Parkin said the plan could go forward without the boundary changes, but it would weaken the overall appearance and layout of the site. "The golf course is designed to take advantage of the features on the quarry's floor and will make for a unique, championship layout."

He said extensive work has already been done in trying to move forward with the plan, including traffic, marketing, feasibility and archaeological studies.

The Region is also being asked to amend their plan with respect to the boundary lines.

"Given the features and context, we can do something really outstanding and the stage is set for a dramatic transformation. It's important to go through this and remember a lot of the principles are already established."

The development would be "nestled" down in the quarry, minimizing the effects of the large development.

James Parkin explains a proposed change to St. Davids urban boundary .

Prideaux St. reconstruction expensive

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This year, the Town is reporting a $22,000 profit that could be put into reserves or future projects.

Prideaux Street improvements, including road, sewer and watermain construction, are projected at about $1.3 million. Other major expenses include firefighter breathing apparatus and thermal imaging units estimated at $325,000, the completion of the multi-use trail and upgrading of town vehicles.

Councillors approved the budget at Monday's committee-of-the-whole meeting and it will be brought to council Monday for ratification.

Councillors expect to look at making future years more manageable.

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Community centre fundraising campaign committee members Jim Collard, Rob Weier, Ralph Tallman, John Wiens, Wally Bogusat, Clive Buist, Jill Barber, Neil Viola and Ward Simpson are ready and waiting to collect donations to match a $10,000 cheque for the new community centre.

Help match $10,000

Anonymous donation to new community centre must be equaled by public

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The community centre fundraising campaign has received a boost of $10,000, but there are conditions attached.

First, the donor—or donors, if it's a couple—wants to remain anonymous.

And second, it must be matched by the community by the end of February.

A $10,000 cheque has been delivered to Simpson's Pharmacy—Ward Simpson is a member of the New Community Centre Campaign—sparking the February Challenge.

The goal of the campaign is to raise $450,000 by the time the community centre is ready to open in March, 2011, and about $115,000 has been donated so far, says chairman John Wiens.

There are also opportunities for corporate donors to name some of the rooms in the community centre, beginning at $10,000, Wiens said.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the centre took place last October, and construction is underway on the site, adjacent to the NOT Public Library.

At about 28,000 square feet, the building will be about five times larger than the aging Platoff Street centre, and will have rooms for pre-schoolers, teenagers and seniors, a multi-purpose auditorium and banquet hall, an indoor walking and jogging track, a fitness area with change rooms and showers, a cafe, an outdoor walking trail, courtyard, playground and an artificial bowling green.

Donations can be dropped off at Simpson's Pharmacy during business hours, at the parks and recreation office in the arena, or can be mailed to P.O. Box 190, Virgil, L0S 1T0 - call 905-468-4261 for more information.

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$2.75 million fort face lift begins

A crane and heavy machinery set to work reconstructing Fort George in preparation for bicentennial celebrations.

Federal funding allows for work to be completed in time for bicentennial celebrations.

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

It may look unusual to see a big piece of modern machinery rising above the historic wooden walls of Fort George.

And instead of cannons and muskets creating thunderous bangs that resound through the Old Town, it's the noise of heavy machinery coming from the 80-year-old replica wooden fort.

One of the most recognizable War of 1812 structures is undergoing a $2.75-million renovation to repair cannon platforms, rooftops and rotting wooden fence.

Geoff Hancock, project leader for the War of 1812 celebrations, said Parks Canada was able to benefit from the federal government's infrastructure economic stimulus fund at just the right time.

"What normally would have taken five to seven years to complete can get done in one fell swoop," he said. "The funding allowed us to tackle pretty much all the routine work that needed to be done."

He stressed the repairs are not an indicator of the overall shape of the fort, but needed to be done to ensure conditions wouldn't get to an unmanageable point.

This is the biggest renovation the fort has undergone. Usually, repairs are on a smaller scale as to not interfere with the tourist season, but the infrastructure investment allowed for the fort to secure itself for the next decade or so.

"We were very lucky with the timing [of the grant]. The fort is going to be a focal point of the bicentennial celebrations and we want it to maintain its integrity."

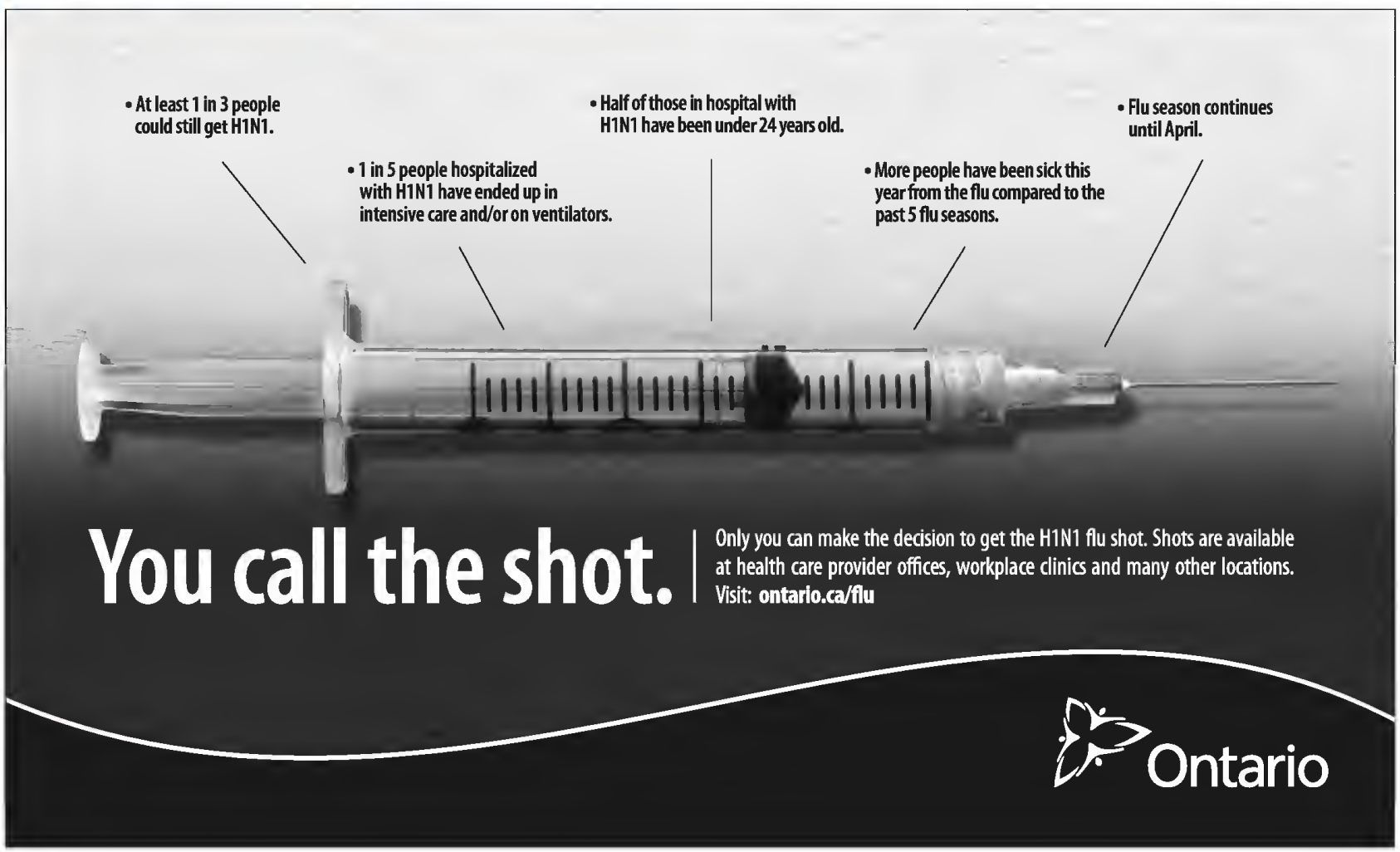
He said there would be some work going on when the fort opens in May, but it won't interfere with the experience of tourists.

The major work is being completed now, with siding and roof repairs set aside until the end.

The fort was built to look exactly like the one erected by the British in 1802.

It served as the headquarters for the Centre Division of the British Army during the War of 1812.

With all of the construction going on, workers of Rankin Construction are taking the history of the fort into account with three archaeologists working alongside crews when they dig.



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our editorial

Town administrators in early days of budget preparation, presentation

This week our town administrator and finance director began sharing their budget plans with the councillors who will ultimately decide whether to accept expenses as presented or send them back to the drawing board.

Last year, the town budget was not finalized until May, as councillors and staff struggled to find cost savings that would keep the tax increase within an acceptable level—although it seemed no increase at all is acceptable to many taxpayers.

This year, only the capital budget has been presented so far and it is early days, but at this point it bodes well for taxpayers.

The town is looking at a $7.3 million capital budget. It includes several big-ticket items, the sort that are necessary and expensive, but that residents don't always see as being essential to an improved quality of life. For example, one of the most costly items is an expansion to the airport Bright and Lavigne drain. It will cost $2 million, but hopefully will be the target of infrastructure grants from higher levels of government, as was our community centre project last year.

Also, in keeping with our town administration's efforts to adopt the 'user-pay' philosophy whenever appropriate, the growers who benefit from the drain will likely contribute to the expense of the project.

Discussions are on-going about the reconstruction of Prideaux Street but we know that work needs to be done, at least some of it. The project includes road construction, sewers and watermain replacements, and consideration is being given to decorative street lighting and burying telephone and cable wires, in response to a request from homeowners on that street—subject to council approval. That one might end up scrapped, as an extra that taxpayers might choose not to fund.

One item unlikely to receive too much discussion is the completion of the Bob Howse trail at a cost of $100,000. We know from the first time Bob Howse ran for council and campaigned on the promise of the trail that it was a popular concept, and council will feel obligated to complete it.

This is an election year, and we hear rumblings already about some of the irresponsible items the town has included in past budgets. It is likely that in coming weeks taxpayers will be the ones going over town expenses with a fine tooth comb, and letting their elected officials know what they will support and what to scrap.

One item that will not be passed over is the projection of future capital costs. We have been warned that aging infrastructure is going to be expensive to repair over the next five years.

Somehow this town will have to find a way to deal with that—we can't depend on federal and provincial economic stimulus to continue forever.

Nor do we want it to.

Our Heritage

NOTL kids Bruce Sherlock, Jim Marino, Joan Zoeger, Jack Bates, Lloyd Gordon and Jane Walsh skate in Simcoe Park in the mid-1940s.

Photo courtesy of Jim Smith

letters to the editor

Angry at cynicism

To: R. Nicholson MP

I am writing to you to express my extreme anger at the cynical manner in which the Conservative government and the Prime Minister in particular ride roughshod over the wishes and needs of the Canadian people by "proroguing" parliament.

Not only is this action an affront to democracy, it also provides ammunition to opposition parties with no agenda to creep up in the polls. This was proved last week.

During your extended holiday with pay, I wish to know what activities you personally have undertaken for the direct benefit of your constituents and what the conservative government has done to date to improve he economy and the general well-being of Canadians.

I trust that you will very soon send out a detailed newsletter to your constituents to demonstrate that you understand that the basic tenet of representation is accountability, a concept which is in dangerously short supply in the Conservative Party.

Dr. Bryan Rollason

Please poop and scoop

Keep beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake clean and follow the rules for Poop and Scoop.

In the last six months during my walks in the Old Town I been noticing that some dog owners don't pick up after their dogs. It is left on sidewalk, beside sidewalks on the grass and walkway.

During snowfalls it is more noticeable and I find it offensive.

There is a law regarding this, and it should be followed. The offenders know who they are, and maybe this reminder will make them do the right thing in the future.

M. Winnett

How much to study transit?

If the current subject is a Traffic Study for Niagara-on-the-Lake, I am curious who will be undertaking the study (I hope a resident of the area) and how much does the thing cost?

Public transit would be sweet, really, but we're a lot short of potential ridership to pay for that. We are a generation that chooses to drive. The nature of our industries doesn't support mass transit. We have options for those who can't drive and our tourists have options if they don't.

In my view, with a couple of teens at home and living rurally, is that we need to widen roads to accommodate cyclists – but not double width. While we're at it, get rid of those hazardous deep ditches and widen the turning radius for our business vehicles. For tourism? Bury the unsightly hydro lines and pave with rubber compound pavement to reduce the noise.

How about this: instead of another traffic study, we spend the money on a real-time Welland Canal bridge management website for smart phones. Dispersing our own traffic usage, reducing the frustration level, is a good thing. Finally, could we consider putting in School Zone signal lights that are active during school hours/days, otherwise allowing traffic to travel at normal rates? This is an effective method used in Europe to protect our children yet still be efficient traffic-wise.

Cath Strung

opinion

People of NOTL make our town special

Spirt of Niagara awards remind us of our special community and its people.

Gary Burroughs
Lord Mayor's update

On Jan. 19, I attended the Spirit of Niagara Awards, presented each year by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce.

It is one of the best organized and most enjoyable award celebrations in the Region.

Those honoured for their outstanding community contributions included Dan Patterson, President of Niagara College, representatives from Balance Fitness Studio, Meridian Credit Union, and Irish Design and our own Niagara-on-the-Lake Volunteer Firefighters.

During the ceremony, I was struck by how many truly committed individuals we have in this community and it reminded me of a few things.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is known throughout the country and internationally sone of the more popular and attractive tourism destinations.

We have a charming historic downtown, quaint shops, top-notch theatre, and world-class wineries and restaurants.

Each year, we open our doors to millions of visitors who come back year after year because they love our area.

But, what is it that we – as residents – love about our community?

In my mind, our Town is special because of the people who live here, who raise their families here, and who contribute day in and day out trying to making it an even better place to live.

It's the residents who sit on our many Town Committees; it's the parents and students who are fighting valiantly to keep our high school; it's the volunteers at our churches, service clubs, sports groups and community organizations who give tirelessly to help those in need. It's the staff at places like Niagara College, who strive to make their institution among the best in the country.

I'm glad that I participated in the Spirit Awards. It was a privilege to recognize the award winners that evening. But it was even more rewarding to be reminded of how special our community is to me.

letters to the editor

The wheels on the bus go round and round . . .

Time has a way of marching on. The District School Board of Niagara closure deadline for Niagara District Secondary School has come and gone.

The transition meetings for the students of NDSS have been underway for a couple of weeks now and, the school open houses for parents and students to visit our new "home schools" has taken place.

If all proceeds according to the DSBN plan then come September NOTL will not have a student attending high school within its borders.

Think about it. Not a single student, public or separate will remain and attend secondary school in our town.

From being known as the "Prettiest Town in Canada" we can now join the ranks of those who comprise the group of Towns without a High School. Anyone got a music score to go along with that title?

Well, it may be that we will not have one secondary student attending school in NOTL after September 2010 but cheer up, we will have more yellow buses in our Town.

Yes, the one thing we will have is lots of travel time for all of our students. In NOTL it will definitely be The Year of the Bus.

How many kilometres will all our students, elementary and secondary, public and separate travel in a day? How many hours will they all spend on the bus? Back and forth, here and there, hands up - who knows the answers?

Hold on—we have been wrongly placed in the group of Towns without a High School. We should lay claim to the title as the Most Educationally Mobile Community in Canada.

The music score accompanying this new title could have even a quicker tempo. It could start something like "The wheels on the bus go round and round ..."

You can say what you want about the transition process going on at NDSS but as of now there is a large number of disconnected secondary students who after assessing the "transition" options and then physically visiting their new "home" schools in St Catharines and Niagara Falls just do not see a secondary school they wish to attend. Talk to the students - none wish for more time on the bus and few wish to be separated from their friends, their teachers or their community routines.

Quite frankly, they are not happy to be forced out of their community by the DSBN policy-makers.

The DSBN came to town the other week to talk about Line 2 but, interestingly enough Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education) indicated he was not in town to talk about NDSS. He said the board had made its decision. It is really sad he does not see fit to acknowledge the only reason he is in town is because of the decision.

The Line 2 fiasco is directly the result of the DSBN decision to close NDSS. He is not here for Line 2 and he knows it. If he was here only for Line 2 it would have been a happy visit and we would all be singing, dancing and patting him on the back!.

So, why did the DSBN move forward to purchase the land on Line 2 especially when the zoning boundaries are clear to everyone?

It is still a puzzle why the DSBN moved to purchase this land when it owns 26 plus acres only a couple of kilometres away from this newly purchased site.

This action by the DSBN supports continued speculation towards the ongoing yet seldom mentioned parking lot issue as it ties into the future use of the current NDSS site and suggests the parking lot issue is far from dead. We'll see.

The fact of the matter remains, if the DSBN had left the original ARC recommendation in place none of this controversy and waste of time and money would be occurring.

The elementary school would be well on its way to being built, the secondary school would have remained open and all the students (elementary and secondary) would have benefited.

The board's logo "Working Together to Achieve Success" would then have been a believable mantra for the DSBN to parrot amongst us.

The real secondary school closures need to occur in the City of St Catharines, not in NOTL. Issues such as geographical distance, environmental concerns, ongoing and increasing transportation costs, student travel times, catchment boundary enforcement etc., all point to the fact it makes far more sense for the DSBN to shelve the NDSS closure and move to shutter one or two of the under populated secondary schools in St Catharines.

The current DSBN policy of stuffing St Catharines secondary schools with out-of-town students only delays the inevitable city school closings and drives up the current costs financially, environmentally and socially.

Interestingly, the one thing this current DSBN policy does well and, stands to successfully accomplish is, the elimination of secondary students and their way of life from our local school and community for good.

If and when that happens, we may well find ourselves to be a town less rich in more ways than one.

Bill Morrison

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Win week at day camp

LLG women enjoy good food, fine wine and helping out in their community.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Eight local women hope to encourage Niagara-on-the-Lake youngsters to begin thinking at an early age about how to help others in their community.

The Lovely Ladies Guild is a group of friends who meet regularly for an informal dinner—they describe it as "a supper club with a cause."

Jolene Coles, Lindsay Daw, Nicola Francis-Harber, Charlotte Hides, Erica Lepp, Sarah Pillitteri, Michelle Reynolds-Balasiuk and Allison Vaughan get together every other week for a relaxed evening, take turns being in charge of one of the courses, and enjoy good food, some fine wine and excellent company, says Lepp.

At each meeting each of the ladies contributes to an "LLG" bank account, and from this group savings they organize seasonal events to raise money for their community.

"Our dinner club is a nice way for us to spend time together, while still helping out our local community. For us, it makes giving back easy and fun," says Lepp.

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GET SMART ABOUT SMART METERS
SMART METERS ARE COMING TO NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Why Smart Meters?

The Ontario Government has mandated all Ontario Electricity Distributors to install smart meters on every home and small business by the end of 2010. Over the next 20 years, Ontario will need to refurbish, rebuild, replace, or conserve 25,000 megawatts of electricity generating capacity – more than 80% of Ontario's current capacity – at an estimated cost of $70 billion. The Government expects that conservation will help us to make the best use of our existing electricity resources and slow the growth in our demand. Ontario is introducing new tools – like Smart Meters – to help conserve electricity. Smart Meters are expected to encourage us all to think more about how and when we use electricity and to help us better understand and manage our own household's energy use. Smart meters will track the amount of electricity we use, the time of day and the day of the week we use it, and send that information electronically to Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro. The new meters will eliminate the need for manual and estimated readings and will ensure meter readings are precise.

How Will Smart Meters Affect Me?

It is important to note that although your smart meter is being installed, **nothing will change at this time.** You are not required to do anything and you will be billed for electricity in the same way at the current electricity rates. The cost of the smart meter initiative will be recovered through the electricity rates paid by all customers in the same way that costs for existing meters and services are recovered today. It is also important to remember that you are not required to sign a contract with an energy retailer just because you have a smart meter. Always review any contract you are offered in detail prior to making a decision. Please note that Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro is not an energy retailer and charges for the cost of electricity at the Ontario Energy Board prescribed rates.

When Will I Receive My Smart Meter?

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has contracted a company called Olameter to install smart meters in Niagara-on-the-Lake beginning February 1st 2010. Olameter representatives will carry identification and **will not** be asking for your hydro bill and **will not** ask you to sign anything. As a courtesy, the installer will knock on your door before they begin the installation. However, residents who have an outside meter will not need to be at home when the smart meter is installed. When your smart meter installation is complete, you will receive an information packet which includes a smart meter answer booklet and helpful tips for you to consider when being solicited by a door-to-door energy retailer.

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Women encourage youth to help out in their community

Write an essay about good deeds by Feb. 24 and win March Break day camp

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They love NOTL, she adds, and take pride in giving back to the community where some grew up and all are happy to now call home, and they have fun discussing inventive ways at their meetings to show their support for NOTL.

During the next month, they are asking kids aged four to eight to contribute an essay, one page maximum, about how they may have helped others over this past holiday season or how they might be helping others now, and wbat helping in their community means to them.

Submissions should be sent by email to lovelyladiesguild@gmail.com no later then Feb. 24, with name, age and phone number included.

Th prize will be a week of full days at Winners Day Camp during March Break, donated by Jennifer Caughill, owner of the day camp which takes place at the Kinsmen Scout hall.

The LLG will donate a knapsack filled with prizes.

The winner will be picked the first week of March and notified by the ladies.

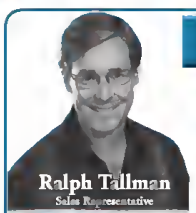
In the past the women have raised funds through a charity garage sale—in 2009, they donated $1,800 from their garage sale to local teen Beth Hopkins, who was suffering from a rare and debilitating joint disease.

The garage sale was so successful they will do it again, this time with proceeds to the new NOTL Community Centre.

Over the holiday this year the women adopted a family through Newark Neighbours, a single mother with two children, and provided a complete Christmas for them.

Last year, they won turkeys from the local firefighters turkey roll and provided turkey dinners to families in need.

They also help the February Heart & Stroke campaign and volunteer for Meals on Wheels.



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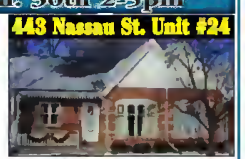

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Icewine festival draws record crowds to Queen St.

Queen Street, usually very quiet after the street lights come on and the stores close, was rocking Saturday night as icewine festival-goers taste-tested icewine cocktails from local restaurants and wineries.

"It's been a fabulous festival," says Stone Road Grille owner Perry Johnson, whose enjoyment of the Queen Street celebration was only slightly marred by his second place ranking in the cocktail contest.

The Niagara-in-the-Lake icewine celebration was presented by the NOTL Chamber of Commerce for the first time this year. Wine Festival organizers elected to focus on the gala held in Niagara Falls.

NOTL Chamber executive director Janice Thomson says she's delighted chamber members chose to put on a festival that met the vision of local winery, restaurant, accommodation and retail partners—hotels were full Saturday evening with American visitors, she said, with the day's attendance "conservatively" estimated at about 12,000 people.

The day also attracted many locals who came out to enjoy the celebration, look at the ice sculptures and taste the icewine and food, mingling with tourists who make it an annual visit.

"We had four times as many people Saturday as Sunday," says Thomson.

" We exceeded our expectations."

The weather Saturday helped make it an outstanding day, with 21 wineries and 12 restaurants participating, and another 400 people coming out for the cocktail competition.

Sunday's rain put a bit of a damper on the festivities, but couldn't dampen the spirits of those participating who were still on a high from the success and fun of the previous day, said Johnson.

"It's been so well-organized, and Saturday was just outstanding. The events, the food, everything was really well-done," says Johnson.

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"The Canadian real estate market enters 2010 with considerable momentum from a strong finish to the previous year," says Phil Soper, Royal LePage CEO. Strong demand, coupled with seasonal undersupply of homes for sale, should cause home prices to appreciate during the early months of the year. Improving supply as the year unfolds should moderate home price increases in the second half of 2010.

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Perry Johnson (left) of Stone Road Grille, with chef Ryan Crawford, serves lobster chili at the icewine festivities on Queen Street.

Pear martini wins

Sunny Saturday created crowds and rain couldn't damper spirits at celebration Sunday.

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"We can't help the weather today (Sunday)—this is the joy of Southern Ontario in the winter. A year ago it was minus 18 degrees, this year we have rain, but we couldn't have asked for a better day Saturday," said Johnson.

The cocktail contest was a fabulous event that filled the streets for the evening, he said, although he would have liked to see the stores stay open.

"But that's easy for me to say—I'm not a merchant."

DeLuca's came first in the cocktail contest with a pear-inspired martini, while Stone Road Grille took second place with its carnival cotton candy apple cocktail.

Icewine celebrations continue this weekend, with jazz entertainment at Zees, the Charles Inn and LIV (with a special jazz brunch on Sunday), attracting new overnight guests to NOTL, says Thomson.

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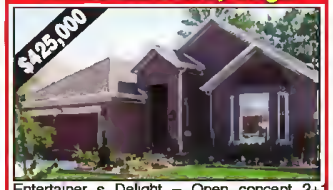

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Test trivia knowledge

Nursery school hosts trivia night to help cover cash crunch.

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Niagara Advance

Niagara Nursery School is short of cash.

The co-operative is experiencing its first year without the $15,000 it usually raises from the popular Bunny Trail, a traditional Easter event that draws families from around the region.

But the parents decided it was too much work, and decided to give it up, says nursery school president and father Stefan Regier, who left hospital Tuesday morning, where his wife Sarah had just given birth to their daughter Charlotte, to help promote the fundraiser they are relying on to help boost funds.

To replace the Bunny Trail, nursery school parents, with NOTL Kinsmen manning the bar, will be holding a Trivia Night Feb. 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

"It will go to operating costs, to make up for a shortfall from the lack of the Bunny Trail," says Regier.

"It was a lot of work, but it was a great event and also very popular with the community."

Parents may be rethinking their decision to cancel the Easter fundraiser, he said.

The trivia night, held at the Kinsmen Hall, will include pizza for each table of eight, a cash bar and eight rounds of 10 questions, says Regier.

Tickets are $15 and are available at 905-658-0627 or online at nnstrivianight@hotmail.com.

Stefan Regier and Monique Kroppa, parents of Niagara Nursery School children, practise for the upcoming Trivia Night to be held at the Kinsmen Scout Hall.

Residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake Do You Know . . .

On a sunny November 30tth morning, members of the fundraising teams The Niagara Health System Foundation, working in partnership with each of the local site foundations, is managing a Niagara-wide campaign to raise $40-million to support new facilities and equipment, and renovations to existing facilities.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake team of the It s Our Time Campaign has set a fundraising goal of $2.8-million, to be raised in the community to support the development of the 970,000 square-foot state-of-the-art acute-care community hospital and Walker Family Cancer Centre, now under construction in St. Catharines.

Your gift to the Niagara-on-the-Lake It s Our Time Campaign will greatly improve access to quality health care and make Niagara a leader in the vital areas of cancer care, kidney dialysis, treatment of mental health and heart disease.

Artist's rendering of the new NHS Health-care Complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre currently under construction at First Street and Fourth Avenue in St. Catharines

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When the new hospital opens, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital will continue in its role offering a unique hospital-based Primary Health Care Clinic. This Site has 11 active physicians and serves a population of 13,000. Nurse practitioners, supported by a team of family physicians see more than 130 outpatients here each day. A supportive setting is also in place with a 22-bed combined Complex Continuing Care and Acute Care unit.

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The new healthcare complex will provide the infrastructure for advanced technologies that will help retain and attract nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals to the Niagara Region.

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It's Our Time...

Learn what it means to be a Nyanya

Nyanya Maureen Daigle-Weaver entertains with an African lullaby at a recent fundraising dinner at the Epicurean.

Grandmothers helping grandmothers through Stephen Lewis Foundation

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

If you're a grandmother, the Niagara Nyanyas would love to meet you.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake group is one of 220 across Canada raising money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, which helps Africa's grandmothers raise their orphaned grandchildren.

Since the 2006 launch of the campaign, more than $6 million has been raised to provide much-needed support, such as food, housing, school fees for their grandchildren and grief counselling.

The foundation directs these funds to community-level organizations in 15 African countries

The Nyanyas' recent "Dare to Dine" event, an African dinner at the Epicurean Restaurant that was organized as part of an national campaign challenge, was sold out and raised about $1500.

Diners were joined by Robertson Wanyama, who helped found an education fund for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Uganda. The Nyanyas donated $500 from a raffle held during the evening to help his project.

The Nyanyas are holding a Coffee Party on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. at Grace United Church on Victoria Street to share the latest information and DVDs from the Stephen Lewis Foundation. If you can't make the coffee party and are interested in becoming a member, please contact Judith Pritchard at 905-468-2158 for more details.

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Choir to perform show tunes at Court House

The women of the Queenston Ladies Choir love to sing.

Their next event will be a first for them when they sing and dance during a dinner theatre event at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Court House.

The Feb. 6 dinner show, directed by Lisa Cosens Brillon of Queenston, will include a five-course meal by Classic Caterers.

Entertainment between courses will include choreography, costumes, lighting and sound engineering— "quite a production," said Brillon, for the group of about 25 women who rehearse at the Queenston Community Centre.

Most of the women are from NOTL, about half from Queenston, and although the numbers change a little every year most have been with Brillon from the beginning, when they decided they would sing for the love of it and also try to raise some money for causes they support in the community.

Dr. Marion Frendo and retired teacher Linda Scott have been members since the choir's earliest days.

"I've always loved to sing," says Frendo.

"When my daughter started taking lessons from Lisa and I realized what a great teacher she is, I decided I would take lessons as well. She is a really gifted teacher. I like the fact that she challenges us, and the ladies have fun together. Plus it's a chance to do something for the community."

> **"Tuesday night practices are something the women look forward to."**
> *— Choir member Linda Scott*

"I have learned a great deal about music, and have had so much fun in the past seven years," says Scott.

"That wouldn't have happened without the wonderful direction of our conductor. She is an amazingly talented singer, teacher, choreographer and a downright nice human being."

Thanks to Brillon, her enthusiasm for music, her knowledge of the best songs and arrangements, her professionalism, humour and wit, says Scott, Tuesday night practices have become something the women look forward to. "She makes even the musically-challenged feel that they are doing a super job."

The choir performs a wide variety of selections, including secular choral music, folk songs, classical, pop and tunes from movies and musicals, and hosts annual events such as a spring concert at St. Mark's.

Since their first fundraiser the choir has donated almost $12,000 for various causes, says Brillon.

This year, since their dinner show is being held in February, proceeds will go to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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As members and students continue to exhibit their work at the Niagara Pumphouse, there are several interesting workshops also going on until the end of February.

The first is a three-day course called Hand-Building Japanese Tea Bowls with Susan Wintrop. She will be teaching students the tradition of Cha No Yu, the Japanese Tea Ceremony.

Students will make both 'summer' and 'winter' bowls which will be examined, appreciated, and used for a tea party on the last class.

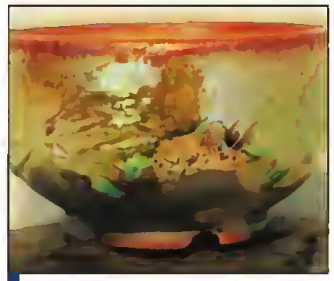
This workshop runs Feb. 6, 13 and 20 (two days are required for firings) from 1 to 4 p.m. Fees are $140 for members, $180 for non-members. There is also a material fee.

On Feb. 6, Helen Michlik will be teaching a workshop on oil painting with a palette knife, which is invaluable to giving a painting texture and visual interest, running 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs are $80 for members and $120 for non-members.

On Feb. 13, Carolyn Sernasie will be running a workshop on jewelry. She is a professional jewelry designer and maker. Learning from her, students can master the basics of working with wire for necklaces, pendants, bracelets, and earrings and create their own masterpieces. There is a material fee for this workshop in addition to the $80 for members and $120 for non-members.

On Feb. 20, Helen Michlik returns with Encaustic Painting.

This type of painting dates back to the 4th century B.C. and involves the use of beeswax and pigment. She says her students will be encouraged to give these old methods a 21st century twist.



Susan Wintrop will teach the art of making tea bowls at the Pumphouse.

On Feb. 27, Raymond Martin will be running a workshop called Rendering Florals in Pastels.

Using both thick and thin line techniques, students will be encouraged to create captivating and timeless floral pastel paintings.

Stumped for a gift? The Pumphouse is now offering gift certificates. They can be purchased for $50, $100, $150, or $200 and can be used anytime during the next year.

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Bantam champs prepare for female league playoffs

Nadeau and Wiens share shut-out to lead Bantams to division champions.

Niagara-on-the-Lake girls playing with the Niagara Falls Rapids Bantam B team ended their regular season with a 4-0 win over Etobicoke, earning them the title of division champions. The shutout was shared by both Madeline Nadeau and Taylor Wiens.

Madeleine Skubel contributed two goals for the win, with singles from Kennedy Bodfield and Haley Scholz. Assists went to Kylie Wilson, Sarah Krowchuck, Cierra McCarthy, Bridgette Neufeld and Katelynn MacDonald.

The team posted an impressive record of 17 wins, three losses and two ties during the regular season.

The goal-tending duo of Nadeau and Wiens posted a stingy goals-against average of .81 over 22 regular season games. They were supported by defence Tess Hunter, McCarthy, Stephanie McCorriston, Cassandra Tatarnic, Mackenzie Singer and Neufeld.

Playing forward for the Rapids are Bodfield, Krowchuck, Jamie Chipman, Skubel, Rhea Coad, Scholz, Kylie Wilson, Cailee MacDougall and MacDonald.

The team is now preparing for the provincial qualifier and the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League Playoffs.

The Bantam B Rapids are division champions with a 17-3-2 record for regular season.

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Minor ball gearing up for best season yet

Full uniforms a first, Little League division returns after season of rave reviews.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When 'play ball' is called to open the season for minor softball in Niagara-on-the-Lake, organizers are hoping for a banner year.

A new executive offering new programs attracted 200 local kids for the 2009 season, and hopes to do even better this spring.

"We made some great leaps and bounds last year. We felt we accomplished quite a lot, and we hope to improve on that again this year," said vice-president Tim Casson, who is one of just two returning executive members of the NOTL Minor Softball Association, along with president Peter Flynn.

"Everybody's really excited about this season," says Casson.

The new little league division for four- and five-year-olds received rave reviews from parents last year and will be repeated this season, he says.

Designed as a development league to teach the fundamentals for beginning players, instruction includes the basics of hitting, throwing and catching, says Casson.

"It will help kids with even the most rudimentary of skills, such as where the bases are, where to run and where to throw the ball when they receive it."

It attracted 60 children last year, and allowed the association to open registration to children as young as four, a first in NOTL.

"Parents were thrilled with it," he says.

Although in previous years T-ball and tyke were combined, the little league allowed for a full tyke division, with coaches pitching.

But Casson says the association, "if all goes well," is in the process of buying a pitching machine, which will take the place of coaches throwing to batters.

Tyke teams competing in a Welland tournament had their first experience with the pitching machine last season—and their first away tournament—and "had a phenomenal weekend with it," says Casson.

Their great success with it led the executive to the decision to purchase one for NOTL tykes, he said.

Jeff Vyse, Tim Casson, Lisa Burland, Brian Berg, Dawn Gula, Pete Flynn and Kelly Penner, with John Read (absent from the photo) make up the 2010 executive planning a banner year for minor softball.

It will also be available for practices and so will benefit all age groups, Casson said.

The association also hopes local teams will be able to compete in more tournaments and be able to benefit from Ontario Softball Association resources, including skills clinics.

From an exciting opening day with the Lord Mayor throwing the opening pitch, through a mid-season tournament that will hopefully include a bantam division for players up to age 18, select travel teams and the traditional closing championship week, Casson is proud of all the association has to offer.

And he's especially happy to be able to offer another first—for a registration fee of $75 to $95, all players will receive a full uniform–a T-shirt and shorts.

"As far as we know, we think that's a first ever" for NOTL minor ball, says Casson.

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Atoms win 2, lose 1

Meridian Credit Union records wins against Thorold, Wainfleet but can't score on West Lincoln.

In recent atom house league action, Luca Lavoie fought off several scoring chances for West Lincoln but the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association's Meridian Credit Union couldn't get past their opponent's strong offence.

In their visit to Smithville Monday, Ben Simmonds hit the post, Caleb Lavoie and the rest of the forwards made valiant efforts, Alex Carr and Nathan Zalepa were strong on defence, but as hard as they tried they could not get on the score board.

West Lincoln scored twice and played a consistently strong game, especially their goaltender Shannon McDougall, shutting out the Credit Union 2-0.

On home ice in Virgil Saturday, the Credit Union defeated Thorold 5-3 after being down 3-0 late in the second period.

With 2:58 left in the second Nickolas Armstrong put the Wolves' first goal in, Rory Hellwig another, then Armstrong again, then Matthew Puglisi added the fourth goal and when the third period started NOTL was up 4-3—four goals in less than two and a half minutes.

Ty Reschke got the lone goal of the third period.

It was a good game for Mitchell Brown with two assists, while Alex Carr shone on defence.

The Credit Union came home from Wainfleet Wednesday with a 7-4 win, although Wainfleet took an early lead with a goal in the first minute of play.

But the Wolves fought back and the first period ended with NOTL up 4-1.

Each team scored twice in the second and once in the third for the final score of 7-4 for MCU.

Puglisi was on fire for the contest, with two goals and two assists, while being a key player throughout.

Reschke also scored two and had two assists. Armstrong, Brown and Jackson Maves all added singles.

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Rotary Atoms undefeated in three games

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club atoms played an exciting game against Thorold Saturday, coming back from a 3-1 deficit in the second period when two quick goals by Josh Bush tied the game.

Thorold regained a one-goal lead early in the third, until Haiden O'Toole made an end-to-end rush and scored his second goal to tie the game with just over two minutes remaining for a final 4-4 score, making it their third undefeated game.

Ice scooters help beginners learn to skate

Albert Mori remembered with sturdy, colourful skating aids for kids at Virgil arenas.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

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The Centennial Arena and the Meridian Credit Union Arena in Virgil now have 20 ice scooters, purchased with money donated in memory of Albert Mori.

They can by used by skaters of all ages and sizes, but the purpose of the ice aids is to help kids have fun while they learn to skate.

Clive Buist, the town's director of parks and recreation, said it took a little while to decide how best to use the money donated in Albert's memory, but these skating aids are much sturdier, more attractive and more fun for kids than the metal ones beginning skaters had been using.

There will be 10 available for each rink, for use during preschooler and public skating times, he said.

They allow kids to feel confident, can be helpful for children with disabilities who want to skate and even adult beginning skaters can use them until they find their balance on the ice.

The ice scooters weigh about 15 pounds and permit an easy glide across the ice.

And the Canadian-made scooters are so well-built, they should last for years without maintenance.

Before Albert passed away in 2007 after a long battle with cancer, he told his family that he would like any donations in his name to be directed to the arena, says his wife Tara.

> **"Albert would have been happy to see kids using scooters."**
> — *Tara Mori*

He grew up playing hockey in Niagara-on-the-Lake and continued to play as an adult, she says, and had good memories of the time he spent on the ice at the arena.

The father of three was very family-oriented, she said, and he would be happy to see the ice scooters used by families to help youngsters learn to skate.

Buist says he likes the fact that the scooters are designed with a panel on the front where a logo, or in this case, a plaque remembering Albert, can be placed.

Tara Mori and her children Zack, 8, Noah, 2 and Felicia, 7, demonstrate how the ice scooters donated in memory of Albert Mori can be used to help children learn to skate.

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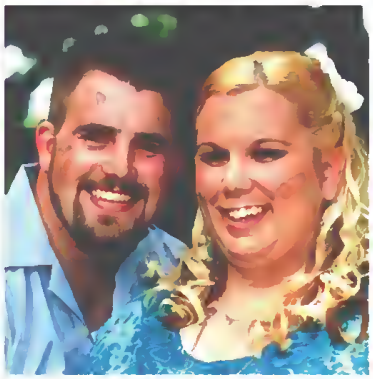

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Thank you to all of Mom's friends for your kindness during this time.
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HOWSE, R. Percy, C.D.
June 20, 1922- January 19, 2010

Percy went to join his beloved Edna, on Tuesday January 19, 2010 at Greater Niagara General Hospital. He is survived by his daughter-in-law Nancy, sons James (Jill), Gordon (Pearl), Allan and Douglas (Heidi); grandchildren, Lynn, Erin, Dennis, Amanda, Brent, Scott and Andrea and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers George and David. He was pre-deceased by his wife Edna, Brother Frank, sons Robert and Frederick, and grandsons Paul and Christopher. Percy was a decorated Veteran of WWII with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 124; a past Master of the Niagara Masonic Lodge No. 2 and an elder of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. As an active member of the community, he delivered Meals-on-Wheels for over 25 years. Visitation was held at the Morgan Funeral Home, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Saturday, January 23 from 7pm-9pm and Sunday January 24 from 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm. A service from the Masonic Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M. was held at 7pm Saturday followed by a service under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 124. Funeral service was held Monday, January 25 at 11 o'clock at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Interment immediately followed. Charitable donations may be made to The Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation or to Scouts Canada Niagara Area. Online guest register at: www.morganfuneral.com.

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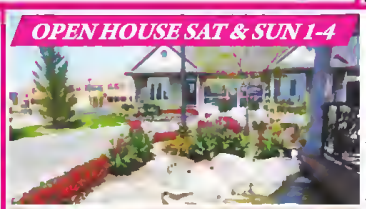

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EMPTY NESTERS! HERE IT IS! - Choose your style and finishes. Affordable pricing and excellent locations available. This Award Winning project has fahulous appeal. Gracious water park entrance, douhle car garages, 2 hedrooms and 2 full baths. 1366 sq. ft., private decks, concrete driveways and best of all no more grass to cut and no more snow to shovel. ***For more information go to www.6334DeSanka.info.***

Anna da Silva* and Jaime da Silva*

6498 Dalena Place - Niagara Falls

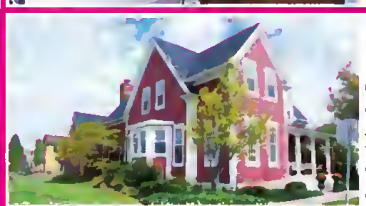
Stunning 3 bdrm backsplit on quiet Crescent Completely updated on 3 levels. Newer windows, flooring & hoth haths. Fully fenced rear yard. Walking distance to schools. Sparkling clean from top to bottom & ready for you to move in.

Lolita Hale*

2 Froebel Avenue - $339,000

Come inside and see the newly renovated family room with impressive bar in this charming 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom brick raised bungalow. Enjoy the short walk to the lake. Retreat to the fenced garden with studio, workshop and 3 piece bath. Updated roof, furnace and A/C.

Nina Mandeville*



42 Elizabeth Street
$579,000

One of the signature residences defining "The Village", inspired by the classic farm house, enhanced in the past 4 yrs with over 100K of alterations & updates. This one-of-a-kind residence has exceptional appeal. Offering 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, a dream-come-true kitchen, amazing principal rms, ***main floor master suite too.*** Recreation rm & games rm, wine cellar & workshop/storage in the lower level. ***See the Virtual tour at www.42Elizabeth.info.***

Doug Rempel*

1762 Four Mile Creek Road

Great-for-entertaining are the formal living & dining rooms. Sun-filled hreakfast room adjoins the updated dream kitchen. Floor-to-ceiling windows provide panoramic views from the spectacular four-seasons solarium addition.

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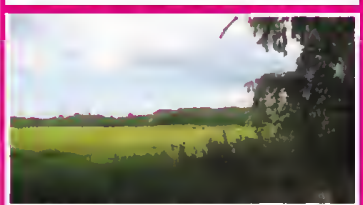

Estate Building Lot - $399,000

Mature trees and lush vegetation have kept this spectacular 17.87 acre property hidden away. Limited access will ensure the new owner's privacy. If you are looking for a place to huild your dream home, this special property may be the one!

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Concession 5 & Line 8 Road

Two adjoining parcels located at the foot of the "Bench" with some of the highest heat units allowing for a longer growing season. Lands are suitable for tender fruit orchard, vineyard, or other crops. Extensive soil analysis confirms very high organic matter.

Part 1 - 60 Acres $550,000
Part 2 - 40 Acres $450,000

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